



IN THE  
UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Gillis, et al.

CASE: DUR-021130

SERIAL NO.: 10/707,983

FILING DATE: January 29, 2004

FOR: Expandable Bore Trocar

RESPONSE AND  
AMENDMENT TO  
OFFICE ACTION  
DATED JUNE 13, 2006

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

ATTENTION OF:  
Art Unit 3763  
EXAMINER:  
Paul Smith  
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Dear Examiner Smith:

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 50-0545.

The Applicant submits the following Reply to the Office Action mailed June 13, 2006.

Please consider the following amendments and remarks toward reconsideration and passage to allowance.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 9 of this paper.

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